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1. MOST PAPERS REPORT TWO ICCS CHOPPERS FIRED UPON,
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BUT NOT HIT, IN FLIGHT FROM QUANG TRI TO GIO LINH. VC SAYS IT FIRED ON US RECON AIRCRAFT. GAUVIN CALLS INCIDENT " DEPLORABLE." INDONESIAN DEL SAYS JUST " MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THERE IS A MAJOR DISASTER." POLISH CHAIRMAN SUSPENDS FLIGHTS AND ICCS HIGHWAY MOVEMENTS TO PRISONER EXCHANGE SITE DUE VC REFUSAL GUARANTEE SECURITY.

2, GVN WILL TEST FISH FOR POSSIBLE TOXICITY STEMMING FROM DEFOLIANTS. GVN AGRICULTURE MINISTRY OFFICIAL SEES LITTLE CHANCE THERE IS TOXIC RESIDUE IN 1973 FROM DEFOLIATION OPS THAT WERE STOPPED IN 1971. US ARMY REPORT IN 1968 SAW " NO DIRECT EVIDENCE" OF PERSISTENCE OF TOXIC RESIDUE IN SURFACE DRAINAGE AND STREAMFLOW (NYT).

3. HAK TELLS WH NEWSMEN " THERE IS AN AGREEMENT" FOR HIM TO MEET WITH THO IN PARIS LATER THIS MONTH, BUT SPECIFIC TIME NOT YET AGREED. ORMALLY IMPOSE COUNTER- LINKAGE IN MBFR PLENARIES, IT
COULD LEAD TO STALEMATE BOTH AT VIENNA AND HELSINKI.

2. THUS, YOU SHOULD SEEK PRIVATELY TO DISSUADE DUTCH REPRESENTATIVE FROM PURSUING THIS APPROACH, POINTING OUT DISADVANTAGES WE SEE.

3. IF DUTCH INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRE SOME SORT OF STATEMENT ALONG THESE LINES, YOU SHOULD SUGGEST THAT MANY OF ITS DISADVANTAGES COULD BE AVOIDED IF IT WERE MADE INFORMALLY AND CLEARLY LABELLED AS NATIONAL VIEW, RATHER THAN IN PLENARY SESSION. ROGERS

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